



MS: PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Prior Application: T. KATO et al  
Serial No. 10/219,268  
Filed: August 16, 2002

Group Art Unit: 2874  
Examiner: S. Song  
For: OPTICAL MODULE, METHOD FOR  
MANUFACTURING OPTICAL MODULE AND  
OPTICAL COMMUNICATION APPARATUS



**REQUEST FOR CONTINUATION APPLICATION**  
**UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b)**

Commissioner of Patents  
MS: Patent Application  
Alexandria, VA 22314

Sir:

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(b) of pending prior application Serial No. 10/219,268, filed on August 16, 2002, entitled OPTICAL MODULE, METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING OPTICAL MODULE AND OPTICAL COMMUNICATION APPARATUS, by all of the inventors named in the prior application.

1. Enclosed is a copy of the prior application, including the Declaration as originally filed.
2. The Filing Fee is calculated below:

Basic Fee									\$ 770.00
Total Claims	1	-	20	=	0	x	18	=	\$ 0.00
Independent Claims	1	-	3	=	0	x	84	=	\$ 0.00

Total Filing Fee	\$ 770.00
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4. Cancel claims 2-19 before calculating the Filing Fee.

A Preliminary Amendment is being filed herewith.

6. Amend the specification by inserting, before the first line:

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No. 09/402,585, filed October 7, 1999, now U.S. Patent No. 6,282,352.

7. New drawings are enclosed, twelve (12) sheets, Figs. 1A-6.

8. The power of attorney is set forth in the Declaration in the prior application or an associate power of attorney is hereby granted to:

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Please associate this application with Customer No. 24956.

9. The prior application is assigned to Hitachi, Ltd.

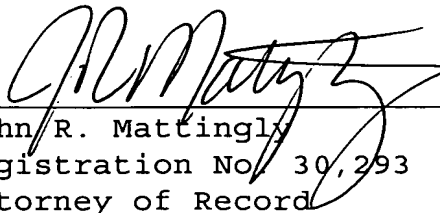
10. Priority of the following Japanese patent application is claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119:

09-089490 filed 8 April 1997.

The certified priority document has been filed in the parent application.

The undersigned hereby declares that no matter contained in the specification, including the claims, and drawings filed

in the present continuation application would have been new matter in the prior application Serial No. 10/219,268, as originally filed on August 16, 2002.

  
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